



Manchester Arts Commission
Minutes | January 10th, 2011 | City Hall
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MAC meeting called to order 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Ann Kelley, Anthony Williams , James Chase, Tom Ford
Guest Kathleen Schmidt.

A1 -2011 Open Doors Manchester:

A1 -2011.01 MAC needs to find \$400.00 in funding to participate in “Open Doors Manchester” event. The event happens in April, August and November each year. Being a member of *Open Doors Manchester* has benefits such as strengthening the arts community and bringing exposure to MAC's “Art on the Wall at City Hall” to visitors that might not otherwise know existed. The member fee goes towards rental of a trolley to move people from venue to venue. Additional funds are also needed to promote the event. Ex ads

How will MAC Fund the “Open Doors Manchester” fee?

MAC will ask MEDO, Mayor's office or private donors for assistance. If MEDO, Mayor's office or a private donor cannot be secured, MAC will approach City Hall about seeing if Art Fund money can be used to cover the costs.

MAC will also need to sell ad space on Open Door Trolley map. (\$50 each)
Ann Kelley has already started looking on behalf of MAC.

A1 -2011.02 The New Hampshire Institute of Art has not been part of the *Open Doors Manchester* for the previous two seasons. MAC has been asked to approach and act as a liaison between the Open Doors Manchester Committee and NHIA.

James Chase will pick up an information packet/ invoice from the Majestic Theatre, and meet with Julia LaFleur, NHIA to discuss possibilities of coming aboard the “Open Doors Trolley” again and what location they would like the trolley to stop at.

B1 -2011 Funding:

B1 -2011.01 MAC will ask for updated books on the Art Fund account to be sent to MAC Chairperson Ann Kelley. MAC should have final approval on what goes in and out of the Art Fund finances.

Art fund money doesn't need to be for strictly sculpture, but any public art, ex painting, print media, etc to be displayed throughout the city but MUST be for purchasing art

B1 -2011.02 MAC continue to look for partnership between MAC and local printshop
Find sponsor print demands, in 1-2 months will come up with “Print Plans” such as letterheads, mayor's choice and people's choice ribbons & awards, etc in trade for press and advertising on MAC information saying “printing or show” sponsored by “Company name here”.

C1 -2011 Potential MAC projects

C1 -2011.01 Portable art displays which could be set up for short term display on either private or public land. Ex downtown core/ parks or schools, demonstrations, community art competitions “Art offs”. Could ask contractors for donated materials for displays and labor etc

C1 -2011.02 Community mural project: Anthony Williams discussed possible avenues for where potential mural locations could be and what groups could be involved. Anthony will form outline for next couple meetings so MAC can start looking for donors or paint supplies etc.

C1 -2011.03 Pop up art: Contacting the MTA to see if there are lapsing times in bus stop advertising space to use as a rotating art display cases “floating gallery space”.

C1 -2011.04 Art party / MAC: maybe have an after Open Doors Trolley party inviting not only artists, but patrons as well to network. Could be used as a MAC coming out party. Need to find venue, ex mill space, or local Business to host event. Could be used as a fundraiser as well.

D1 -2011 “Art on the Wall” at City Hall

D1 -2011.01 MAC Gallery Director, Tom Ford updated the commission on status of the first show of 2011. The exhibit is installed and Tom will schedule a reception date/time with current exhibiting “January/ February” featured artists: Karen Dumoulin Farren, Annie Holt, Matthew Lomanno, Mark J Langlois, Diane Macpherson and Anne-Marie Swierz

tentative reception date set for February. 3rd 6 -8pm

press releases will be sent out to local media asap once all materials from artists are received. Mayor's office will also be invited.

D1 -2011.02 MAC would like to see new lighting in East & West wing Galleries. Ann Kelley or Tom Ford will ask City Hall Clerk Matthew Normand/ or the Mayor's office to see where they stand. Ideally would like track lighting in place by the “March/ April” show if possible.

MAC needs to meet with Mark Fay with a price quote before moving forward.

E1 -2011 Partnering with Intown Manchester to cosponsor events

E1 -2011.01 MAC will pair up with Intown Manchester in August 2011 for “Arts Alive after five”. MAC will help invite artists/ musicians to display and create work/music in downtown.

Awaiting further details. Where, make map of downtown area etc.

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after partnering with groups and having success, MAC will then move forward spearheading events themselves

F1 -2011 Prospective Commissioner Kathleen Schmidt

F1-2011.01 Informal interview Q & A

With Kathleen's business savviness, MAC has invited her to become a commissioner
Kathleen Schmidt kickschmidt@gmail.com - <http://myggm.org/>

F1-2011.02 MAC approved and nominated for the 5th MAC Commissioner position
Nomination will be sent to Mayor's office for approval of full BMA board.

Meeting adjourned 7:15pm

minutes taken by MAC Clerk : James Chase – James@neverfading.com